

# Culpeper Minutes

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#### A Message from the Board of Supervisors



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Dear Citizens:

Greetings from the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors. We hope that 2011 is off to a good start for all of you. Spring will soon be here, and we can be thankful that unlike last winter, this year we dodged the major storms and the clean up costs that come with them. As spring approaches, we would ask that you be mindful of slow-moving vehicles on the road as planting begins, and farm vehicles will be present. Spring also brings out children playing, so extra caution should be taken whenever you are out driving.

Normally at this time of year, I would be inclined to comment on budget preparations. This year, however, I would like to focus on one item in particular for this letter to you, the citizens of Culpeper. The Board of Supervisors and the Town Council met on January 20, 2011 to consider an "Executive Summary of Proposed Settlement Agreement of Boundary Adjustment and Utility Issues." The Board and Council both voted unanimously that evening to move forward with the development of a final Agreement. This Agreement, if successful, will provide for water and sewer service in the environs adjacent to Town and for the reasonable expansion of the Town boundaries. The Agreement would last for up to 30 years, or perhaps even longer and would potentially bring to an end multiple decades worth of debate over how to best provide water and sewer service outside the Town. If successful, this effort will bring many positive outcomes benefitting all of the citizens of Culpeper. There are still hurdles to be cleared, and there will be additional public hearing opportunities, but the hearing held on January 20<sup>th</sup> resulted in only positive feedback from those in attendance. There are many details which I could not begin to cover here, but If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Board or staff. There is information available on our website as well. We will try our best to keep you informed regarding this important issue. This is truly a milestone for our community.

If you have any questions or comments on any subject, please contact a member of the Board or staff. We value your input, so let us know what you think.

For the Board,

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Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are held the first Tuesday of each month: at 10 a.m. for general County business and at 7 p.m. for a public forum, planning business and public hearings. Agendas are available prior to the meetings at the Library and on the County website at www.culpepercounty.gov and minutes are available following the meetings. Video coverage is provided by Channel 10.

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# Congressman Eric Cantor

7th District of Virginia 112th Congress Majority Leader



In November, voters sent a clear message of repudiation against a government that failed to deliver results.

Government. for too long. has operated under the flawed assumption that growing bigger and controlling more is necessarily better. Consequently, Washington has grown inefficient, unfocused and wasteful. Spending has gone progressively higher, while results for all Americans have not been realized.

The new Republican majority stands for a different and better way. We believe in a government that controls less and spends less, but accomplishes more. We believe in a smarter government, a more efficient government, a more focused government. The new House majority will be about "cut-and-grow." We are going to cut spending and job-killing government regulation, and grow the economy and private-sector jobs.

Each day, we have promised to hold ourselves accountable to the people that elected us. Each day, we will come to work asking: Are our efforts addressing job creation and the economy; are they cutting spending; and are they shrinking the size of the federal government while protecting and expanding individual liberty? If not, why are we doing it?

That's why we have dedicated the past two months to slashing federal spending down to 2008 levels, eliminating needless regulation, and repealing last year's trillion-dollar overhaul of the health care system, which has discouraged job creation by raising the cost of hiring and retaining employees for small businesses.

#### Washington, D.C. Tours

My office can assist with arranging tours of the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the Pentagon and several other sights in Washington, D.C. Tickets for the tours are limited, so please place your request at least eight weeks in advance, especially during peak tourist season (March through September). Please keep in mind that White House tours can only be arranged through a Congressman's office and must be submitted several months in advance. Call my office at 1.800.438.3793 for assistance and ask to speak with the tour coordinator. You can also email your request to cantortours@mail.house.gov

#### **Congressional Art Contest**

As a reminder, the Seventh District Congressional Art Contest will be held this spring. This annual competition is open to all high school students and provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the artistic talent in Virginia's 7<sup>th</sup> District. Students may submit a single, original entry no larger than 28 by 28 inches, including the frame. Paintings, drawings, watercolors, pastels, collages or prints may be submitted.

All entries are publicly displayed and are reviewed by a professional panel of judges who award first, second and third-place awards. The winners are announced during a reception honoring all participating student artists and their parents, teachers and school administrators.

The winning entry will be displayed, along with those of students from across the country, in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., for one year. The work of the runners-up will be displayed in Congressman Cantor's office for one year.

To get more information about entering the Congressional Art Contest and a participation form, please contact my office at (540) 825-8960 or (800) 438-3793.

#### **Congressional Veteran Commendation**

The application deadline for Congressional Veteran Commendation nominations is September 2, 2011. For more information on the Congressional Veteran Commendation please visit <a href="http://cantor.house.gov/cvc.htm">http://cantor.house.gov/cvc.htm</a>

## **Culpeper County Board of Supervisors—Boards and Committees**

The Board of Supervisors has committees which make recommendations to the Board on issues in a variety of areas. If you would like to serve on a board or committee, we would like to hear from you.

Please call the Administrative Office at 540-727-3427 for an application or visit our website at www.culpepercounty.gov The website describes each committee, lists current openings and offers printable application forms. The Board of Supervisors would like to have a pool of candidates so that each new appointee helps balance the currently sitting committee.



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This newspaper is a quarterly publication to the citizens of Culpeper County by the Board of Supervisors. It is designed to present and provide information about issues affecting those who live in Culpeper. Over 20,000 copies are distributed, one to each mail address in Town, County, and to each U.S.P.S. Box within the Town and County of Culpeper.

The newspaper is also available online at www.culpepercounty.gov Email dhoffman@culpepercounty.gov with comments and suggestions or to unsubscribe.

# Culpeper County Public Schools Revisiting the SOLs

Mention the SOLs (Standards of Learning,) and there is a good chance you will get a reaction of some sort. Every student, grandmother, educator and business person has some level of familiarity with the term and typically associates it with testing, anxiety, and the nemesis of engaging instruction. SOL testing is well over a decade old. Those who thought "this, too, shall pass" must realize by now that statewide testing on specific skills and facts is not a passing educational fad.

Even though everyone seems to be aware of SOLs and have an opinion about them, it might be useful to review what SOLs are and, conversely, what they are not. Standards for the four core areas of English, mathematics, science, and social science have been around since the 1960's. Interestingly, the first group of educators who worked on identifying what students in Virginia should learn at each grade level worried about the repercussions of a statewide assessment on the standards. They were assured there would be no assessment. Well, it took several decades but it did happen. Testing was implemented in the mid-nineties as a measure of student progress and to add a level of accountability to what happens in the state's classrooms. The years of assuming that the state standards were the basis of local curricula materials were suddenly over.

So, what do we need to keep in mind about the SOLs. They are a list of skills, competencies, and pieces of knowledge that are expected to be taught in our classrooms. The assessments give information about student performance, teacher success, curriculum alignment, completion of the curriculum prior to test day, and to a lesser extent, the materials needed for instruction. No absolute conclusion can be made from SOL results. They are but one piece of information. They do not measure relative growth. We also know that conclusions about school or teacher performance cannot be made by simply looking at test scores. Results often lead to more questions than answers. With all the limitations, results can give valuable information. Educators have become masters at analyzing and responding to the

data. The Culpeper County Public School division was recognized recently by the Virginia Department of Education Office of School Improvement for its effective elementary data team meetings.



Yowell Elementary has been visited by a professor of education at the University of Mary Washington and a team of teachers from Charlottesville who want to learn more about teacher use of data.

We lost some freedom in our classrooms when SOL testing was implemented. In many ways we lost the luxury of time. We lost the decision-making freedom to slow down the pace of instruction when necessary. There is little time to explore areas beyond what is identified in the Standards. SOLs are often referred to as a minimum. More accurately stated, SOL thresholds are the minimum required by the state. The standards are not minimal. I believe if teachers could change one thing, they would change the number of standards so that they could delve deeper into some topics. When we are compared to other nations, the nations we fall behind have fewer "things" to teach and can, therefore, teach for deeper understanding.

The most important thing to remember is that the Standards of Learning identify the *what* of teaching and not the *how.* The truly masterful teacher has learned to insert creativity and engaging learning activities into lessons that need to be fast-paced. This is not an easy task, and assessment time is as nerve-wracking for teachers and administrators as it is for parents and students. While results on SOL assessments are only one piece of the puzzle and while many speak of SOL testing disparagingly, we all want good results. Every parent wants their child to pass; every teacher and administrator wants their school or division to do well; and every business person wants to be able to say their community schools are high-performing. Good or bad, SOL results make headlines.

Dr. Bobbi Johnson Division Superintendent



# **Culpeper County Library**

Empty Shelves contribute to empty minds and empty lives. Diana D. Chapin, Queens Library

Did you know that our Library serves approximately 5,000 patrons a week? We circulated over 1/2 million items last year. More than 1200 children participated in our Summer Reading Program and hundreds of toddlers and pre-schoolers participated in our Storytimes!!! Our computers are in constant use by students, travelers passing through and people applying online for jobs. Our meeting rooms are very busy, and volunteers have given 4,447 hours of their time this year. (see page 8) If you would like to volunteer, please call us at 540-825-8691.

# Children's Programs

#### Itsy Bitsy Baby Storytime

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month: March 17<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.

Babies, birth to two years old, are welcome to attend. Parents will sit on the floor or a chair with their babies in their laps. Baby songs, nursery rhymes, finger plays, stretching exercises, books and methods for stimulating language and brain development for babies will be shared. No Registration Necessary.



#### Walk-in Storytimes

Culpeper County Library offers two walk-in story times for children. Held Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings, both programs are free and **do not require registration**.

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (No Storytime May 3rd due to elections)

**Bedtime Storytime** is a family event where children are encouraged to wear their pajamas, slippers and bring their favorite stuffed animal. There will be stories, songs, rhymes and activities. Each program focuses on a different theme. Visit the Library or our website <a href="https://www.cclva.org">www.cclva.org</a> for theme listings.



#### Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

#### Fun Friday Walk-in Storytime

features stories, songs, activities and more! Each program focuses on a different theme. Visit the Library or our website <a href="https://www.cclva.org">www.cclva.org</a> for theme listings

#### Tuesday Morning Registered Storytimes

Must Register IN PERSON at the Library.

Session- March 1<sup>st</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> Registration ongoing until Storytime is full and session ends.

Session- April 12<sup>th</sup>- May 31<sup>st</sup> (No Storytime May 3<sup>rd</sup>- Election Day) Registration begins Tues-



day, April 12th, in person at the Library

#### Pre-School Storytime Ages 3-5 Tuesdays 10:30 am

Children participate on their own in this program. Caregivers remain in the Library during the program, but get to browse our books! Books, songs, puppets, finger plays, coloring, and flannel board stories make this a great time for all!

Toddler Storytime Ages 2-3 at 10:30 am and 11:15 am (If you do not have a child in Pre-School Storytime, please register for the 11:15 session, if possible)

Caregivers participate with their children. Stories, songs, finger plays, rhymes, coloring, and more!



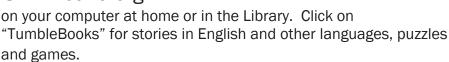
# Listen to DIAL-A-STORY Call 540-825-0555

to hear a GREAT story!

The stories change every week and feature some seasonal selections.



@www.cclva.org



e-Kids

For Library Program Information, call 825-8691



## Culpeper County Library (continued)



#### READ TO THE DOGS AT THE LIBRARY!

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

March 12th, April 9th, May 14th The Welcome Waggers therapy dogs are back for another fun-filled Satur-

day morning of reading! This program is intended to encourage children to practice reading without the pressure of getting all the words right. Children read to licensed therapy dogs who are specially trained to sit quietly and "listen". Sessions are free, and there is no registration necessary. A signed permission slip is required before children may participate in the

# **Teen Programs**

For reminders and up to date information,

Stay in touch: Library Website at www.cclva.org



Teen Facebook-CCLVA

Library Facebook-Search Culpeper County Library Youtube at www.youtube.com/cclva

Laini Bostian | bostian@cc| Va.org or 540-825-8691 Library Website at www.cciva.org

## 1st Thursday Programs Ages 12-18 6-8 p.m.

1st Thursday of each month-March, April, May.

Programs to be announced. Gaming likely! Video games, board games, party games. Visit our website or the Library for up-to-date information.

#### Random Writers Ages 12 - 18 6-8 p.m.



#### (Sponsored by Walmart!)

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month-March, April, May **REGISTER IN ADVANCE** Bring a notebook and any writing you would like to share. It is fine to come just to listen to other people read their writing. Most of the writing for this program is done at home by participants. This is a forum for sharing, thinking, speaking and tweaking. Snacks served.

## **Friends of the Culpeper County Library Bookstore**

Located in the Culpeper County Library at the back, next to the Computer Room.

**Hours:** Monday – Thursday: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

> Friday: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Saturday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Stop in and see us! Have some time in your schedule? Volunteer 2 hours per month to help with the extended hours. If you are interested in volunteering for the Bookstore, and helping the Friends help the Library, please call Kathy Clevenger at 825 – 8691 or e-mail her at kclevenger@cclva.org

The **Friends of the Library Bookstore** is a great place to find good reading for yourself and your family. We have a wide selection of books, from the latest fiction to the old classics, and from biographies to the sciences, with a little of all in between. Our prices range from free for a small number of items, to a few dollars for the really new books and collectors' editions. Also available at the Circulation Desk are our large, super-sturdy book bags for only \$8.00 each. Fill one up with your great Bookstore finds!

The volunteers of the Friends of the Library Bookstore thank you for your support.

# Pansy Sale - Saturday, March 26



Just in time for Spring. Tired of Winter? Get ready for spring with the Friends' Annual Pansy Sale. March 26 starting at 9:00 a.m. until the pansies are sold. (usually around 11:00)

We often have begonias, calendulas and of course

lots of pansies. We'll post prices and plant varieties as the date draws near. So kick those winter time blues and help out the Library at the same time.



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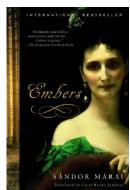


#### Culpeper County Library (continued)

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

will meet in the Library Conference Room at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

#### MARCH 17 - EMBERS



by Sandor Marai. Already an international bestseller, "Embers" was first published in Budapest in 1942. The story begins when the close friendship develops between two voung men. Henrik and Konrad. After a rift of 41 years they meet again in the fading splendor of Henrik's castle. Many twists are revealed during that evening! A "New York Times" Notable Book.

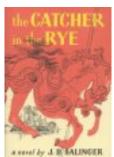
#### **APRIL 21 - OUT STEALING HORSES**

by Per Petterson. An award-winning Norwegian novel about youth, memory, and, of course, stealing horses. It's a story of Trond Sander, a 67-year-old man who relocates from the city to a remote cabin only to have grief and beauty of his youth come back to him, im-



mersing the reader in a story of searching and loss.

#### MAY 19 - CATCHER IN THE RYE



by J. D. Salinger. The book was controversial when it was originally published in 1951. Holden Caulfield, the main character, is a 16-year-old, who narrates the story covering a couple of days after being expelled from a prep school. It is a brilliant coming-of-age novel that captures the essence of teenage alienation with the adult world. Take this op-

portunity to read these wonderful books, then participate in our Book Club's discussions. New members are always welcome!

The books for discussion are available for a ten day checkout at the Circulation Desk or may be purchased at a discount at The Corner Shelf Bookstore. New members are always welcome -come and join us at our next meeting.

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#### It is never too late to join the Friends of the Culpeper County Library

Membership Year - January thru December

Membership Types: Individual \$5.00 Family \$10.00 Institutional \$25.00 Benefactor \$50.00

The Friends of the Culpeper County Library is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Library. Money raised by the Friends is used to sponsor programs and cultural opportunities that would otherwise go unfunded. \$10,000 to \$15,000 is spent annually in support of Library programs including:

- Summer Reading Program for children and teens
- Speaker programs for the community
- Storytellers for adults and children
- Book Page monthly book review offered free of charge to patrons
- Support of National Library Week
- Library supplies such as puzzles, bookmarks, stickers, and giveaways for

#### Funds are raised through various activities that also benefit the community:

- Used Book Store and Used Book Corner operated at the Library
- Annual Pansy Sale
- Sale of commemorative leaves on Giving Tree located in Meeting Room
- Author events

#### Other Activities

- Sponsorship of Third Thursday book discussion groups
- Distribution of Lonesome Pine books-by-mail catalogs

MEMBERSHIP FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE CIRCULATION DESK

Check our website at www.cclva.org for more information on programs as they are scheduled.



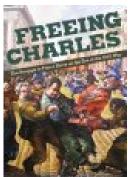
The Culpeper County Library is now available to you no matter where you may be, as long as you have access to a computer with an internet connection. Check out our best-kept secret, free of charge to you as always, with your Culpeper County Library Card.

With a valid library card patrons can log onto the Library's website, at www.cclva.org, install the free software, check out and download popular and classic audio books to their PC, or transfer them to your e-book device and then transfer to a portable MP3 player or even burn some titles to CD and listen in the car or download eBooks.

Patrons can check out up to ten titles at a time, and at the end of the 7 or 14 day lending period (you choose), the books will expire and be automatically returned. With the digital titles, there are no late fees or damage costs. The service is free, easy-to-use, and best of all, available anytime from anywhere in the world. Want to know more about? Susan Keller, the Director, is available for a 15-minute demonstration to your group. Call at 825-8691 to make an appointment for this new, but easy, technology.

Join the Friends for an exciting and fun-filled day March 19. Two events back-to-back:

#### Freeing Charles - What was the life of an ordi-



nary slave like in Culpeper on the eve of the Civil War? The amazing Civil War era true story of Charles Nalle, a slave from Stevensburg who flees north on the Underground Railroad, is captured in upstate New York and rescued by a series of mobs led by Harriet Tubman, will be the subject of an event at the Library on Saturday,



March 19 at 11:00 a.m. Award-winning New York author, journalist and human rights advocate Scott Christianson will discuss and sign copies of his recent book, *Freeing Charles:* The Struggle to Free a Slave on the Eve of the Civil War. More

than 18 years in the making, the book has been praised by the *Star Exponent*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and other reviewers and featured on C-Span. Dr. Christianson is also appearing at the Virginia Festival of the Book in Charlottesville on March 17. More information about the author and his work is available at <a href="https://www.scottchristianson.org">www.scottchristianson.org</a>. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

#### The Iditarod comes to Culpeper - Join us on Saturday, at



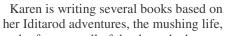
2 p.m. on March 19 for a really unusual team. Karen Land and her sled dog, Borage will be back to present their program on the Iditarod. The 1,150-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race across Alaska is an unbelievably difficult race. More people have reached the summit of Mount Everest than have made it to the Iditarod finish line behind a dog team.

Imagine stepping on the runners with 16 dogs barking and pounding to RUN in front of you. Imagine taking that team from the crowded downtown streets of Anchorage across the treacherous Alaskan Range Mountains down the bitterly cold Yukon River to the Bering Sea and the gold rush town of

Nome. Imagine running a dog team 1,150 miles; the same distance as a trip from Indianapolis, IN to Miami, FL. Imagine racing day and night for 14 days straight to reach the finish and your goal.

Karen went from an observer to a doer in just three short years. It takes most mushers at least twice that long to work up to the Iditarod.

In March 2002, Karen took on and finished the biggest, most challenging sled dog race in the world - the Iditarod. She went on to compete in the 2003 and 2004 Iditarod as well.





and, of course, all of the dogs she has met along the way. Karen is a columnist for the Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper, the Great Falls Tribune, and the Kansas City Tribune. She also writes for magazines.

"My dogs have taught me about leadership and teamwork," she says. "As they say, 'You can't push a noodle.' Mushing takes leaders willing to set the pace and guide the way, and a team full of desire willing to follow. I am honored these wonderful dogs let me go along for the ride... the ride of a lifetime." Join us for a fun-filled afternoon. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Families are \$5.00, individuals are \$3.00.



Find us on Facebook under "Culpeper County Library."
Become a fan and find out about weather & holiday closings, events, and more.

# Looking for Grants? Need new sources for funding?



The Foundation Center at the Culpeper County Library provides a wealth of information for non-profit organizations and individuals seeking grant funding. A special control of the control of the control of the culpeper County of the control of the culpeper County of the control of the culpeper County of the culpeper Coun

cial collection of books for grant-seekers is available in the Library's Reference Area and online at their website: <a href="www.foundationcenter.org">www.foundationcenter.org</a>
The two great sites below are available only from computers in the Library.

<u>Foundation Directory Online Professional</u> for non-profit organizations and <u>Foundation Grants to Individuals Online</u> for individuals.

These services were donated in part by the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation, Culpeper Chamber of Commerce, Laura and Floyd Grigsby, and the Friends of the Culpeper Library.

Due to budget cuts the Library is closed on Sundays.

Our hours are Monday – Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for both the Library and the Friends. We need people with all skill levels. We would love to have a professional woodworker that could refinish the edges of some of our tables and book stacks. After 13 years of use by many people, they could use some sprucing up. The Friends of the Library would buy the supplies, if you would do the work. We always need trainers to help with training on the computers, and bookstore volunteers. Please contact Kathy Clevenger at 825-8691 for more information.

If you have time or a special skill to share, come in and talk to us.



#### National Volunteer Week is April 10 – 16

A heartfelt thank-you is extended to all volunteers at the Culpeper County Library. This includes Friends of the Library, Friends' Bookstore volunteers, pages, Circulation Assistants, and Storytime and craft teen assistants. Giving 4,447 hours of volunteer time to the Culpeper County Library in the last year, our volunteers have shown dedication to the mission of the Library and its community. Please join the staff in thanking the volunteers for all their hard work and dedication! If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact Kathy Clevenger, Circulation & Volunteer Coordinator, at (540) 825-8691.

For Library Program Information, call 825-8691



#### ART CLASSES FOR ALL AGES April - June 2011

Windmore is *your* community arts center! Our mission is to support the visual, literary, and performing arts through awareness, participation, and education. We provide opportunities to local artists and writers, as well as arts scholarships and programs lsuch as Art in the Park to the community. To get involved, please visit <a href="www.windmorefoundation.org">www.windmorefoundation.org</a> e-mail <a href="mailto:info@windmorefoundation.org">info@windmorefoundation.org</a>, or call 540-547-4333.

Windmore is partially supported by Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. We also rely on the support of the community through memberships. Help Windmore bring the arts home by joining today! Visit our web site to download an application or call or e-mail us for more information.

#### **CLASSES FOR KIDS**

# Wiggles and Giggles (ages 2–5) Mondays 9–10 am

Wiggles and Giggles invites children to come and have some fun. This class focuses on: movement, social interaction, music, stories, arts & crafts (supplies provided).

Register in advance with Natalie Pories at wigngig@hotmail.com or 540-547-2272.

\$12 per class (\$20 for 2 or \$32 for 3 classes)

# **GET ART: Comics for Kids** (ages 4 and older)

#### Saturday, April 2, 10 am-12 pm

Draw your very own superhero (or villain)! Supplies will be provided. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Teacher: Tony Rozwadowski

\$15 Windmore members/\$20 nonmembers

#### **NEW!** Birthday Parties at Windmore!

Host a creative birthday party for your child at the Windmore Art Center! Party themes and art projects will be tailored to your child's interests for a special and unique event.

Call or e-mail us today to learn more!

# A Summer Tradition For information on dates and registration check windmorefoundation.org Week One for ages 6-8 Week Two for ages 9-12 Art in the Park is a summer program for children

ages 6–12. Each summer, classes are held for two one-week sessions. Classes are taught by experienced educators and working artists, and each day offers a new project. The program culminates in an art show of all the work of the children. Register early. Space is limited. \$30 Windmore members/\$35 nonmembers

"Art in the

# GET ART: Introduction to Fingerpainting for Kids (all ages)

Saturday, June 4, 10:30am-12pm

Put those paintbrushes down and really get into painting! Play with color and texture. Class will be tailored to be appropriate for each child's age, interests, and abilities. Supplies will be provided. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Teacher: Kelly Rozwadowski \$15 Windmore members/\$20 nonmembers

#### TEENS & ADULTS (13 and older)



#### GET ART: Watercolor Workshop Mondays, April 11-25, 1-4:30 pm (3 classes)

Incorporating demos addressing the elements that make watercolor unique and challenging, the class will build slowly from simple to complex topics including value, control of medium, color mixing and composition. Students will apply classic watercolor techniques as they paint from still life and photographs. All levels are welcome.

Supply list available upon registration. Some previous painting experience is suggested. Teacher: Mary B. Allen \$95 for session

#### GET ART: Pastel Workshop Wednesdays, May 11-June 1, 6:30-8:30 pm (4 classes)

Paint without a brush and explore soft pastel. Class will include demos and critique to help students learn new techniques while completing their own paintings. Demos will focus on blending techniques, the variety of materials, and incorporating color pencil and watercolor. All levels are welcome.

Supply list available upon registration. Teacher: Kelly Rozwadowski

\$60 Windmore members/\$70 nonmembers



GET ART classes make the arts fun for all ages! All classes will be tailored to be appropriate for each student's age, interests, and abilities Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Classes are held at the Windmore Art Center, 209 N. Commerce Street, Culpeper, VA. Registration forms are available at <a href="www.windmorefoundation.org">www.windmorefoundation.org</a> Space is limited. Please register early!

No refunds for missed classes or cancelled registrations.





## Kids Making News



1401 Old Fredericksburg Rd. Culpeper, Virginia 22701 Phone 540-829-2124

We have programs at all Culpeper County Elementary Schools throughout the school year.

A.G Richardson Elementary 540-825-0616 x3786 Emerald Hill Elementary 540-937-7361 Ext. 3945 Farmington Elementary 540-717-5246 Pearl Sample Elementary 540-829-2185 Sycamore Park Elementary 540-829-2185 Yowell Elementary 540-825-9484 Ext. 2640

Childcare Funding Assistance: 540-727-1055 x415









Our summer talent show is always a hit along with our trips to Kings Dominion and Splashdown Water Park. Over the winter our kids made some cool crafts.

"As spring turns into Summer, children's thoughts turn to camp and all its fun"

Thank you for letting Kid Central serve your child's after school care needs in 2011 and beyond. Summer is right around the corner!

We had a great time this winter playing basketball, creating crafts, playing Minute to Win It and doing lots of art projects.

This spring Kid Central will offer All-Day Childcare (April 21-25) during the school system's Spring Break.

It is also time to start thinking about summer plans!

This year's Kid Central Summer Camp promises to be very exciting. This summer we will have a Game Show theme, trips, movies, a televised end-of-summer talent show, a Nationals game, theme classes, fun classes for young ladies and gentlemen and lots of trips to the pool.

#### Summer camp registration begins April 15th.

For more information contact us at 829-2124.

We've been serving Culpeper's childcare needs since 1990.

We look forward to seeing you after school and all summer long!

For more information visit kidcentralculpeperva.com



#### **Help With Money Management**

Jules Romagnoli traveled all over the world during his career in the

State Department. By his own account he's had a good life. But he says one of the most satisfying experiences he's had is volunteering with the Protective Money Management Program (PMMP) of the RRCSB/AAA.

Doug Schiffman created the program. "After it became necessary for my wife and me to take over her mother's financial affairs, I decided to start the program to do the same for low income seniors and people with disabilities in this area." Now in its third year, the program has 52 volunteers and 45 clients.

Jules has volunteered in a number of ways over the years, on his own or through his church. He knows that much of the value of volunteering comes not from what you give, but from what you receive in the process of donating your time and skills. But even he was surprised by the relationships he developed with the two people he assists. He credits this in large part to the work done by Schiffman to match volunteers with the people they assist and to the tremendous support he gives the volunteers.

Schiffman provides each volunteer with banking software to maintain good records which are reviewed annually by the RRCSB/AAA, AARP, and Social Security. He organizes regular training and recognition for the volunteers. He assures each volunteer is well qualified for the program, including background checks conducted by RRCSB/AAA, the program sponsor.

Of the volunteers Schiffman says, "While they pay bills and provide spending money to the participants, they also go well beyond that role.

They take their clients shopping, to lunch, to the doctor. They deal with creditors, scammers, family members, landlords and utility companies. This program is more than just providing a caring person who oversees financial matters. We are keeping people in their homes and apartments."

Jules describes two very different relationships with each of the people he supports. One has an intellectual disability that makes it difficult for him to understand and handle money. They meet together weekly for Jules to give him grocery and spending money. Jules pays all the household bills from the RRCSB/AAA checking account established on behalf of his client. The other person he supports is an older adult who has been increasingly unable to handle his own finances. As Jules describes his client, "He's ornery and he's proud but he's become like a friend or family and I'm proud of what we've achieved." This has included paying off back bills, establishing a bit of a savings account, and securing needed supports with the help of an Advocate at RRCSB/AAA.

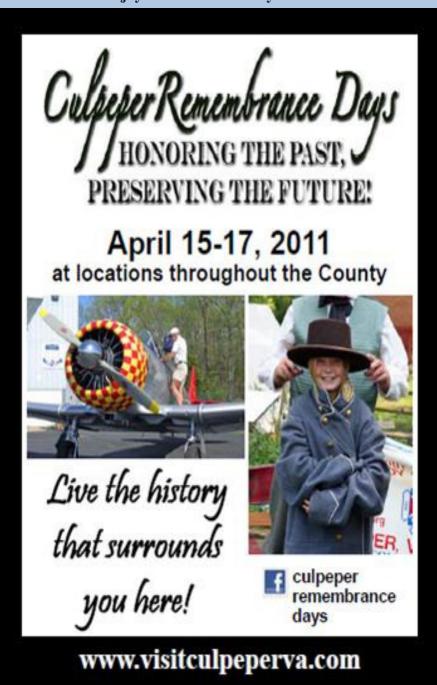
Jules continues volunteer work through his church, but the PMMP program remains his primary service right now. Sometimes it's easy, and sometimes it's very involved. "People need to understand all the ins and outs and the paperwork that can be involved." But even for someone who's traveled the world and seen more than most, he finds it to be one of the most rewarding things he's done.

Apply on-line as a Protective Money Management volunteer at rrcsb.org, click on services and then Protective Money Management. For more information on volunteering contact Doug Schiffman at <a href="mailto:dschiffman@rrcsb.org">dschiffman@rrcsb.org</a> or (540) 825-3100 x3159.

Our vision for Aging Together is that the needs and preferences of older adults will be recognized and honored as our region creates livable communities for all ages. We want all citizens aging together to enjoy a life long sense of place and community, to be able to contribute to their community and when needed to have ready access to diverse supports from family, friends, helping organizations and a responsive local government.

# **Culpeper Remembrance Days**

—a unique celebration honoring our past. Invite your friends and relatives to enjoy these events with you.



April 15—17 Various events honoring our history will be held throughout the County over the three days of celebration. There is something to appeal to everyone from re-enactments on battlefields to restored airplanes at the Airport. Check the website to choose your events and make time to enjoy some browsing in our bustling Town of Culpeper.



# Culpeper Fiesta

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 6 – 10 p.m.

Don't miss the one and only 2011 CULPEPER FI-ESTA! The Culpeper Train Depot once again hosts the 8th annual event and the best Latino party around! If you enjoy great food, music, and entertainment for the entire family, then mark your calendar for **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm till 10:00 p.m.** The 100 block of Commerce St. will be closed to traffic so people can enjoy the dancing and entertainment. Along with many free cultural and educational activities for children, the air will be filled with the smells of savory

delicacies. Dancers will perform to Latin music, with support from DJ Woody. And as always, the evening is capped off with the upbeat sounds of live Latino music. So put on your dancing shoes and come experience the feeling of a Latino fiesta without having to travel far from home! The CULPEPER FIESTA is FREE, and everyone is welcome. Visit the Culpeper Fiesta Facebook Page – facebook.com/culpeperfiesta for more information and photos from previous years.

## CULPEPER LITERACY COUNCIL

Culpeper Literacy Council has partnered with numerous community organizations in order to better serve the adults of Culpeper County. Community partnerships with Culpeper Human Services, Culpeper Head Start, Piedmont United Way, Soho Center and Piedmont Regional Adult Education have been a growing focus for the 2010-2011

school year.



Culpeper Literacy Council joins the Soho Center in a donation of over 500 books to the Culpeper Head Start Program. Pictured from left to right: Leanne Rutkowski (CLC President), Wilma Morales (Head Start Family Services Coordinator), Kate Ashby Chiles (CLC Director), Jeanna Beker (Soho Director)

A new focus on <u>employability</u> at Culpeper Literacy Council: The goal of CLC's Employability Program is to help adult learners strengthen the skills needed in our ever-changing workforce. Resumes, cover letters, job applications, interviews and job search techniques are all areas that receive focus. In addition, a new computer lab is open to all registered students.

Culpeper Literacy Council provides free classes for adult students who wish to learn English as a second language, obtain a GED and/or improve basic reading and writing skills. One-on-one tutoring is also available.

For more information about our programs and classes or to become a volunteer tutor, please contact us at:

Culpeper Literacy Council 415 South Main Street Suite 204 Culpeper, VA 22701 (540) 825.5804









# Warning! When you see this sign, SLOW DOWN

SMV sign means Slow moving vehicle

Slow down AS SOON AS YOU SEE THE SIGN.
You will have to slow down anyway, and this will give you time to judge distance and relative speeds between you and the farm vehicle. The farm vehicle is larger and more solid than the typical passenger vehicle, so the life you save may be your own.

You will also relieve the stress of the farm vehicle operator forced to share the road with faster moving transport. Usually it will be a short trip and a brief inconvenience to you, as farm vehicles travel short distances between fields or buildings.

The 2011 crop season is in full swing. That means that motorists travelling our region's highways and narrow country lanes may find themselves suddenly following behind large, often slow-moving farm equipment. A number of farmers have reported experiencing potentially life-threatening near-misses with drivers of vehicles who failed to exercise caution when approaching and passing only at safe and permissible times.

Reports of excessive speeds, passing on curves, in no-passing zones, on approaches to blind hills, and in general, exhibitions of disregard for human safety appear to be on the upswing. Several have reached out for assistance from area law enforcement, in the hopes of alerting fellow drivers to the importance of not only following all traffic regulations, but to the need for exercising additional caution and constant vigilance for slower-moving vehicles at this time of year.

State code mandates that the Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) symbol, shown above, be prominently displayed on the back of all farm vehicles on public roads. When properly marked, these vehicles share the same travel rights as other vehicles. **Most farm equipment travels at 25 miles per hour or less in road gear.** This requires that those travelling identical routes be observant of possible farm equipment ahead, be patient and cautious in selecting passing opportunities, and remain watchful of oncoming traffic. The most common type of accident occurs when a slow-moving vehicle begins to execute a turn just as a motorist following behind begins to pass.

All drivers are also reminded that passing across a double yellow line is prohibited.

Farmers are typically acutely aware of the frustration experienced by those who may be in a hurry behind them, and respond by pulling over to allow passing wherever possible. However, not all rural roads offer such an option, and there may not necessarily be opportunity to do so.

Drivers should be reminded that most farm equipment trips are short in duration, and therefore are encouraged to try and be patient, and if possible, simply enjoy the scenery when temporarily experiencing such a delay. Indeed, the presence of such equipment across the region indicates active, working farms, which also means a vibrant, beautiful and productive regional community for all.

#### Ride the Foothills Express



Charlottesville based transit provider JAUNT will serve as the Foothills Express, shuttling passengers from Culpeper & Madison to Charlottesville.

Do you or someone you know need a ride to Charlottesville? Let the Foothills Express take you there! The Foothills Express is a pilot project es-

tablished through the Foothills Area Mobility System (FAMS) partnership and coordinated through the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission. The shuttle bus runs every Tuesday and Thursday, making three round trips from Culpeper Regional Hospital and Madison Food Lion to requested destinations in Charlottesville. Fares are \$3.00 one way or \$5.00 round trip and exact change is required. Escorts for medical trips and children under 6-years-old ride free. Care-A-Van may be available to provide door to door transportation to the bus stop in Culpeper or Madison for seniors age 60 and over or the disabled. Anyone is eligible to ride, however reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance. Please call 1-800-365-2868 to reserve your seat and let the reservationist know where in Charlottesville you need to be taken. For more information, contact Jenny Biche at (540) 829-7450 or visit www.rrregion.org.

#### One Call Transportation Center

Looking for transportation in the Rappahannock-Rapidan region? Residents of Culpeper, Orange, Madison, Fauquier & Rappahannock counties can contact the Transportation Solutions Specialist at (540) 445-1VAN (1826) and be connected with available transportation options throughout the region. Funded through an FTA New Freedom Grant, and coordinated by the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission, the Transportation Solutions Specialist provides information and referral on all public, private and volunteer transportation options available. In addition, the Transportation Solutions Specialist can provide travel training, trip planning, and bus schedules to assist passengers using public transportation for the first time. Anyone is eligible to use this free service. For more information call (540) 445-1VAN (1826).

#### Department of Planning and Zoning Explanation of Transportation Impact Fees

On December 7, 2010, the Culpeper County Board of Supervisors voted to enact a transportation impact fee ordinance. This ordinance provides a mechanism for Culpeper County to collect impact fees on all new development which generates traffic. The ordinance is applicable throughout the Town and County. Transportation impact fees are *ONE-TIME* fees charged to new development to address the cost of providing transportation facilities needed to serve the community. Impact fees provide one way to help ensure that existing residents will not bear the full cost of new roads necessitated by new development.

In 2009, due to State budget shortfalls, Culpeper County experienced cuts of over \$40 million in primary road construction funds which were slated to help pay for the four-laning of Route 3 between Stevensburg and Lignum, and the diamond interchange at the intersection of Route 15/29 and Route 666 near Eastern View High School. In addition, secondary road construction funding in Culpeper County has been cut to \$113,000 per year through 2016. This is a small fraction of the funding we previously received. In fact, according to VDOT one mile of new 24 foot wide rural road costs approximately \$1.7 million. You can see based upon that figure, that \$113,000 annually will not go very far. In response to these funding reductions, the Board of Supervisors began to review options for helping to fund needed transportation improvements. Transportation impact fees were identified as one mechanism which is specifically enabled by State code.

Before transportation impact fees could be implemented, the Code of Virginia dictated that a Transportation Impact Fee Advisory Committee (TIFAC) be formed to help direct the review process. Culpeper County requested interested parties to apply, and a committee of local builders/developers/businessmen, interested local citizens and one member of the Board of Supervisors were appointed. This Committee met for over 21/2 years working with staff from the Office of Planning and Zoning to craft the transportation impact fee program adopted by the Board of Supervisors. In addition to the Committee, State code required that an impact fee study be created, a methodology for determining the impact fee be documented, a fee schedule be created, and the County's Comprehensive Plan be updated to reflect the specific transportation projects that will utilize the collected impact fees as a portion of their funding. The transportation projects identified by the TIFAC for inclusion in the impact fee program

- 1. The Western Outer Loop
- 2. Re-alignment of Nalles Mill Road to Rogers Road
- 3. The Western Inner Loop (Town of Culpeper project)

These three projects have all been previously identified in the Town and County Comprehensive Plans.

In order to determine the amount of the impact fees, a methodology as specified by state code was devised. In basic terms, the total number of vehicle trips, both existing and projected over the next 20 years, was determined. Every 10 trips per day is defined as one service unit. The total cost of the three projects is then divided by the total number of service units. This calculation gives us a cost of \$563.13 for each identified service unit. Then, using the number of projected service units for residential and commercial/industrial development, we are able to determine the share of the transportation improvements costs attributable to new development versus what is currently in place. Based on these calculations, it was determined that 34.85% (\$893,885.47) of the cost to construct the three transportation projects listed, can be attributed to new development.

#### Proposed Transportation Impact Fee based on 2010 Dollars:

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Western Outer Loop	\$14,110,000.00	
Nalles Mill Road Re-alignment	\$985,000.00	
Western Inner Loop (Town)	\$10,550,000.00	
Total Road Project Costs	\$25,645,000.00	
Total Existing and Projected Service Units	45,540	
Impact Fee per Service Unit:	\$563.13	
Projected Service Units	15,872.16	
Projected Proportionate Share Cost	\$8,938,085.47	
Proportionate Share Percentage	34.85%	
Local Government Road Construction Cost Responsibility:	\$16,706,914.53	

Transportation impact fees are not meant to be used as the only funding needed to build new roads, rather they are an attempt to help localities bridge the funding gap between what we have today and what we will need in the future.

If you have any questions concerning transportation impact fees, please call the Office of Planning and Zoning at 540-727-3404.

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